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APPENDIX II-A

REQUEST FOR ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUBJECT MATTER OF POSSIBLE RULEMAKING

	Rule Number	Puc 400 (If applicable)
1. Agency Name & Address: Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St. Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301	2. RSA Authority: 3. Federal Authority: 4. Type of Action: Adoption _____ Amendment _____ Repeal _____ Readoption _____ Readoption w/amendment <u> X </u>	RSA 365:8, VII & XII; RSA 374:22-g, III & ^{TV} :22-m & :22-q & 28-a; RSA 378:1 & :48 [^] 47 U.S.C. §§ 151 et seq.

5. Short Title: **Puc 400 - RULES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 541-A:11, VIII THIS AGENCY IS SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON A SUBJECT MATTER OF POSSIBLE RULEMAKING UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO FORMALLY PROPOSING RULES IN THE RULEMAKING PROCESS. WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW PERSONS MAY PROVIDE COMMENT ARE INDICATED BELOW.

6. (a) Summary of the subject matter, or summary of the rule if drafted, and the effect on those regulated:

Specifically, the rules to be proposed will set forth definitions of terms, general rules, rights and obligations, and statutory and other requirements, including requirements for: registration and reporting; the filing and maintenance of tariffs and rate schedules; certain intercarrier relationships; customer relations and consumer protections; and public safety and emergency response. The readopted rules will also focus on streamlining existing rules to limit redundancies.

Unclear, in that the existing Puc 400 rules already do this.

Suggestion: Identify what the amendments do too.

In light of substantial changes at the local, state and national levels, the readopted rules will also address, to the extent necessary, requirements for other items, including: rights and obligations imposed; altered or eliminated by the United States Congress and Federal Communications Commission; and additional or modified requirements for the preservation of universal service, protection of public safety and welfare, ensuring the continued quality of telecommunications services and safeguarding the rights of consumers in a competitive environment.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected: Any person or entity that provides or will provide regulated telephone service in New Hampshire as defined in the rules, and customers of such providers.